

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

--Referring to FIG. 4F, the alloy (e.g., the alloyed billet 66 is suitable for further processing. The billet 66 can be drawn into tubing or rolled into a sheet for stock stent tubing production. For example an ingot or billet 66 that is 2.5 inches in diameter by 4 inches long can typically yield at least 1000 feet of coronary stent tubing.--